

**APPENDIX A - SPECIFICATION/CLAIM AMENDMENTS
INCLUDING NOTATIONS TO INDICATE CHANGES MADE**

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Amendments to the following are indicated by underlining what has been added and bracketing what has been deleted. Additionally, all amendments have been marked in bold typeface.

In the Claims

For convenience, all pending claims are shown below.

1. A method of providing a composite image on a substrate, the method comprising:
providing a first film on the substrate, the first film comprising a first portion of the composite image;
providing first registration marks distributed along a length of the first film;
providing a second film, the second film comprising second registration marks distributed along a length of the second film and a second portion of the composite image;
aligning the second portion of the composite image on the second film with the first portion of the composite image on the first film;
dispensing the second film under tension along the length of the second film;
detecting the first and second registration marks during the dispensing;
varying the tension along the length of the second film based on the detection of the first and second registration marks to register the first and second portions of the composite image along the lengths of the first and second films; and
applying the second film to the substrate.
2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the tension under which the second film is dispensed is continuously applied to the second film during the dispensing.
3. A method according to claim 1, wherein the first registration marks are located on the first film.

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4. A method according to claim 1, wherein the first registration marks are visible before the second film is applied to the substrate, and further wherein applying the second film comprises locating the second film over the first registration marks.
 5. A method according to claim 1, wherein the second registration marks are visible.
 6. A method according to claim 5, further comprising removing at least some of the second registration marks from the second film.
 7. A method according to claim 6, wherein the removing comprises removing a portion of the second film.
 8. A method according to claim 7, wherein the removing occurs before the second film is applied to the substrate.
 9. A method according to claim 1, wherein the first registration marks are invisible.
 10. A method according to claim 1, wherein the first registration marks are washable.
 11. A method according to claim 1, wherein the second registration marks are invisible.
 12. A method according to claim 1, wherein the second registration marks are washable.
 13. A method according to claim 1, wherein the second film is attached to a liner as dispensed.

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14. A method according to claim 1, wherein the first and second registration marks are distributed in regular intervals.
15. A method according to claim 1, wherein the second film is dispensed from a roll.
16. A method according to claim 15, wherein the second film comprises an orientation indicator proximate an outside end.
17. A method according to claim 1, wherein the first and second films each comprise a width transverse to their length, and wherein the method further comprises registering the first and second portions of the composite image across the widths of the first and second films.
18. A method according to claim 17, wherein registering the first and second portions of the composite image across the widths of the first and second films comprises detecting a distance between a leading edge and a trailing edge of the second registration marks, wherein that distance is indicative of a position across the width of the second film.
19. A method according to claim 1, wherein providing the first film on the substrate comprises applying the first film to the substrate under tension.
20. A method according to claim 1, wherein the first film is applied to the substrate by dispensing the first film from a roll.
21. A method according to claim 1, wherein the composite image, first film, and second film each comprise a continuous length of at least about 5 meters.
22. A method according to claim 1, wherein the composite image, first film, and second film each comprise a continuous length of at least about 10 meters.

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23. A method of providing a composite image on a substrate, the method comprising:

providing a first film on the substrate, the first film comprising a first portion of the composite image;

providing visible first registration marks distributed along a length of the first film;

providing a second film, the second film comprising visible second registration marks distributed along a length of the second film and a second portion of the composite image;

aligning the second portion of the composite image on the second film with the first portion of the composite image on the first film;

dispensing the second film under tension along the length of the second film;

detecting the first and second registration marks during the dispensing;

varying the tension along the length of the second film based on the detection of the first and second registration marks to register the first and second portions of the composite image along the lengths of the first and second films;

applying the second film to the substrate and the first film such that a portion of the second film is located over the first registration marks on the first film; and

removing the second registration marks from the second film.

24. A method according to claim 23, wherein the removing comprises removing a portion of the second film.

25. A method according to claim 24, wherein the removing occurs before the second film is applied to the substrate.

34. (NEW) A method of providing a composite image on a substrate, the method comprising:

applying a first film to the substrate while inducing a constant stretch to the first film, the first film comprising a first portion of the composite image;

providing first registration marks distributed along a length of the first film;

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providing a second film to the substrate, the second film comprising second registration marks distributed along a length of the second film and a second portion of the composite image;

dispensing the second film under tension along the length of the second film;

detecting the first registration marks and the second registration marks while dispensing the second film;

varying the tension along the length of the second film based on the detection of the first registration marks and the second registration marks to register the first portion and the second portion of the composite image along the lengths of the first film and the second film; and

applying the second film to the substrate while varying the tension along the length of the second film, wherein the second portion of the composite image on the second film is aligned with the first portion of the composite image on the first film.

35. (NEW) A method according to claim 34, further comprising removing the second registration marks from the second film.

36. (NEW) A method according to claim 35, wherein removing the second registration marks from the second film comprises removing a portion of the second film.

37. (NEW) A method according to claim 35, wherein removing the second registration marks from the second film comprises cutting the second film before the second film is applied to the substrate.

38. (NEW) A method according to claim 34, wherein the first registration marks are invisible.

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39. (NEW) A method according to claim 34, wherein the first registration marks are washable.

40. (NEW) A method according to claim 34, wherein the second registration marks are invisible.

41. (NEW) A method according to claim 34, wherein the second registration marks are washable.

42. (NEW) A method according to claim 34, further comprising:
detecting a distance between a leading edge and a trailing edge of one second registration mark of the plurality of second registration marks, wherein the distance between the leading edge and the trailing edge is indicative of a position across the width of the second film; and

steering the second film to register the second portion of the composite image to the first portion of the composite image in a direction transverse to the length of the second film.

43. (NEW) A method according to claim 34, further comprising:

detecting a distance between a leading edge and a trailing edge of the plurality of second registration marks, wherein the detected distance is indicative of a position across the width of the second film; and

steering the second film to register the second portion of the composite image to the first portion of the composite image in a direction transverse to the length of the second film.

44. (NEW) A method of providing a composite image on a substrate, the method comprising:

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providing a first film on the substrate, the first film comprising a first portion of the composite image;

providing first registration marks distributed along a length of the first film;

providing a second film, the second film comprising second registration marks distributed along a length of the second film and a second portion of the composite image;

aligning the second portion of the composite image on the second film with the first portion of the composite image on the first film;

dispensing the second film under tension along the length of the second film;

detecting the first and second registration marks during the dispensing;

varying the tension along the length of the second film based on the detection of the first and second registration marks to register the first and second portions of the composite image along the lengths of the first and second films;

removing the second registration marks from the second film; and

applying the second film to the substrate after removing the second registration marks from the second film.

45. (NEW) A method according to claim 44, wherein removing the second registration marks from the second film comprises removing a portion of the second film.

46. (NEW) A method according to claim 44, wherein removing the second registration marks from the second film comprises cutting the second film.

47. (NEW) A method of providing a composite image on a substrate, the method comprising:

providing a first film on the substrate, the first film comprising a first portion of the composite image;

providing first registration marks distributed along a length of the first film;

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providing a second film, the second film comprising second registration marks distributed along a length of the second film and a second portion of the composite image;
aligning the second portion of the composite image on the second film with the first portion of the composite image on the first film;
dispensing the second film under tension along the length of the second film;
detecting the first and second registration marks during the dispensing;
varying the tension along the length of the second film based on the detection of the first and second registration marks to register the first and second portions of the composite image along the lengths of the first and second films;
detecting a distance between a leading edge and a trailing edge of the plurality of second registration marks, wherein the detected distance is indicative of a position across the width of the second film; and
steering the second film to register the second portion of the composite image to the first portion of the composite image in a direction transverse to the length of the second film; and
applying the second film to the substrate after the steering.